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SERIES.

G.O. No. 365

Dated 26-1-48.

Despatch Abstract.

ELECTION - Panchayats (Non Unions) Expenses for 1946-47 and 1947-48 - Determined.

Accounts - Bill passed by Forester in excess of powers Regularized.

FOREST DEPARTMENT.

From
J.A.Master, Esq.,I.F.S.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Egmore, Madras.

To
The Joint Secretary to Govt
Development Department,
Madras.

Ref:No.19739/47A1. DATED the 5TH JANUARY,1948.

Sir,

Sub: Payment of a bill by a Forester in excess of his powers.

I submit an extract of the objection taken by the Accountant General on voucher No.13 of August 1947 pertaining to the Hagari Plantation Division and of the District Forest Officers' reply thereto. Under section 143 of the Madras Forest Department Code, Foresters are empowered to make payments on account of work done or supplies made by contractors or piece-workers upto Rs.100/- on any single bill. The objection raised by the Accountant General is therefore in order. The Forester made this payment because he had been authorised by Conservator to hold a cash balance of 500/- ~~payments~~ and erroneously thought that this entitled him to make payments exceeding code limits. As the Audit requires that this irregularity should be condoned by Government, I request that Government be pleased to accord the requisite sanction.

Sd..R.Venkataraman, 10-1-48.
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

Remakrs on the replies to the objection Statement on the Audit of the District Forest Officer, Hagari Plantation Division, Bellary for 1 to 14-8-47.

Number of item in objection statement.	Voucher No.	Amount objected to.	Further Objection.	Reply by the Dt.Forest Officer,Hagari Plantation.
3	Vr.13	Works voucher 13 for Rs.838-12-0 Sub.Voucher 8 for Rs.273 This bill has been passed and paid by Forester Foresters are empowerd to make payment on account of work done or ~~of~~ supplies made by contractors upto Rs.100 Bills in excess of this limit should have been pre-audited and passed by the next higher authority vide section 143 of the Forest Department Code. Please explain how the payment was made by the Forester.		As the Conservator sanctioned payment of advance upto Rs.500 for sanctioned works to this Forester, he made payment to contractors in excess of Rs.100/- He has been directed to get payments in excess of Rs.100/-pre-audited by the Range Officer.

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Sd.R.Venkataraman,
For Chief Conservaotr of Forests.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ABSTRACT.

Accounts - Bill passed by a Forester in excess of powers - ~~Republished~~. Regularised.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

G.O.MS.NO.365. Dev. DATED 26-1-48.

READ:-

From the CCF -Ref.No.19739/47 A.I. dated 5.1.48

O R D E R:

In the circumstances stated by the Chief Conservator of Forests, the action of the Forester, Hagari Planatation Division in having made a payment of Rs.273(Rupees two hundred and Seventy three only) for work done in ~~item~~ excess of his powers is ~~appointed~~. approved.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to see that such irregularities do not occur in future.

Sd... 16/11/48.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests.
The Accountant General, through Finance.

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SUPERINTENDENT.
29-7-1953.
Madras Record Office.

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